(e) and (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The 34th Session of the Labour Ministers' Conference held in September, 1983 suggested that the number of present Industrial Tribunals|Labour Courts should be doubled all over the country. The suggestions|recommendatoins of the Conference were communicated to the States|Union Territories for necessary follow-up action. The State Governments|Union Territory Administrations set up Industrial Tribunals|Labour Courts under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 for the State sphere on the basis of the requirements of a particular State or Union Territory. Informatoin in respect of additional Tribunals|Courts set up in the States|Union Territories is not maintained. They have been addressed from time to time to review the position of cases and wherever necessary to set up additional Labour Courts|Tribunals.

2 Norms have been fixed for disposal of cases by the Central Government Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts and their performance is watched regularly. With a view to reducing pendency of cases, Central Government Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts are set up by the Central Government from time to time Two such new Tribunals were set up under the VI Five-Year Plan—one each at Chandigarh and Kanpur—and another at Bangalore under the VII Five-Year Plan.

गैस के सिलेण्डरों की सप्लाई करने के कार्य में लगे कर्मचारियों को घरेलू गैस वितरकों द्वारा भुगतान

2566. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सभी घरेलू गैस वितरक घरों में गैस के सिलेण्डर पहुंचाने वाले मजदूरों को इसके लिए प्रति सिलेण्डर सवा रुपये से दो रुपये तक का भुगतान करते हैं परन्तु इन मजदूरों को अभी तक कोई अन्य सुविधा नहीं दी जा रही है जबकि वितरक तेल कम्पनियों से प्रति सिलेण्डर की ढुलाई के नाम पर साढ़े पांच रुपये वसूल कर रहे है और इस प्रकार की दिहाड़ी के मजदूर दिन में केवल छः से नौ सिलेण्डर ही लोगों के घर पहुचा पाते हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन मजदूरों को जो कि वितरकों के पास, कई वर्षों से कार्य कर रहे हैं उनके परिवारों को शैक्षिक तथा आवास संबंधी सुविधा नहीं दी गई है; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर 'हां' हो, तो क्या सरकार इन मजदूरों का मजूरी बढ़ाने और उपर्युक्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री राधाकृष्ण मालवीय) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा यह सभापटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Price Hike in HR Coils by Salt

2567. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited had hiked the prices of HR Coils by more than Rs. 3500 a tonne during last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price hike of HR Coils seriously affected the operations of nearly 100 units in the Steel tube industry which employs over 50,000 workers and consumes nearly 1.2 million tonnes of HR coils annually; and

(c) whether due to the price hike of HR coils the demand for pipes and tubes has considerably fallen?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAL LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have no knowledge of such a development. However, a news item to this effect, quoting a FEII spokesman, has appeared in Economic Times of February 13, 1989.

(c) No, Sir.

Withdrawal of Concessions granted to Small Scale Industrial Units of Soft Drinks Industry

2568. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excise concessions granted to Small Scale Industrial Units of Soft drinks industry were suddenly withdrawn;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 44 small units in the organised sector have come up in the backward areas;

(c) whether it is a fact that these units not only made losses but were facing liquidity problems due to unexpected demand on their finances following the withdrawal of the excise concessions; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to mitigate the hardships of such small scale industrial units in repaying their loans to the financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The excise concession in respect of small scale manufacturers including soft drink industry affixing on their goods the brand names or trade names (registered or not) of other persons who is not eligible for grant of exemption under the Department of Revenue Notification of 1st March, 1986 has been withdrawn.

(b) and (c) The requisite information is not centrally maintained.

(d) There are certain facilities and concessions available to sick small scale industrial units and these facilities and concessions are equally applicable to units in the soft drink industry as well.

Coverage of Chief Ministers Conference

2569. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. T. Rama Rao, spoke in the meeting of the Chief Ministers held in Delhi on 10th and 11th February, 1989; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which his speech alone was blocked in the Doordarshan's English News-Bulletin at 9.30 P.M. on 10th February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views expressed by Shri N. T. Rama Rao, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh, were prominently covered in the English News bulletin telecast at 9.30 P. M. on 10-2-89.

Aid to Deep Sea Fishing Industry

2570. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the causes for economic sickness in the deep sea fishing industry considering the latest fishing season failure in 1988-89;

(b) whether Government are seized of the problems;

(c) what steps are being taken to call a conference of all deep sea units to solve their problems; and

(d) the measures being taken to give liberal aid to sick units in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Although there is a marginal fall in marine fish catch during